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1. REFTEL NOTED THAT PARTS OF FRENCH PRESS HAVE BEEN ALLEGING CONSPIRACY BETWEEN USG AND U.S. OIL COMPANIES TO INCREASE WORLD PETROLEUM PRICES AT EXPENSE OF EUROPEANS.

2. HENRI LAURET, WRITER FOR INFLUENTIAL PTROLEUM INDUSTRY WEEKLY PETROLE INFORMATIONS, IS PLANNING TRIP TO WASHINGTON FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY DURING WHICH HE HOPES INTERVIEW KEY USG ENERGY OFFICIALS TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY REBUT CONSPIRACY THEORY. HE REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH MESSRS. SIMON OF FEA AND NASSIKES OF FPC, DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY DONALDSON OF DEPARTMENT AND SENATOR JACKSON OF SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE. WE HA * TOLD*HIM WE DO NOT KNOW SCHEDULES OF ABOVE MEN, BUT WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS WITH SUITABLE NUMBER OF HOGH-RANKING USG OFFICIALS.

3. LAURET WOULD LIKE SCHEDULE INTERIEWS IN PERIOD JANUARY 2-9. HE SAYS HE SPEAKS REASONABLE ENGLISH AND UNDERSTANDS VIRTUALLY

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EVERYTHING, BUT WILL PROBABLY WISH RECORD HIS TALKS IN ORDER BE CERTAIN OF GETTING FULL CONTENTS EACH INTERVIEW AND DOING JUSTICE

TO EACH. WE BELIVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO GIVE HIM FULLEST POSSBLE EXPOSURE.

4. HE PLANNING VISIT RELATIVES IN U.S. FOR SEVERAL DAYS PRECEED-
ING ABOVE PERIOD. IN NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL RELAY ADDRESS WHERE
HE CAN BE REACHED DURING THAT TIME AS WELL AS HIS HOTEL IN WASH-
INGTON. APPRECIATE MEANWHILE ALL EFFORTS ACCOMMODATE HIS OBJECT-
IVES. ADVISE.
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